

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 51 – SB 247

May 23, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (009383): Deletes the language of the original bill. Adds “two or more students initiating a physical attack on an individual student on school property or at a school activity, including travel to and from school” as a good and sufficient reason to suspend a student from attendance at school.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Authorizes the principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal to suspend students for such behavior.
- Current law does not prohibit a principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal from suspending students who gang up with others to fight an individual student.
- This estimate assumes students would not be required to be expelled or sent to an alternative school.
- Any cost to local governments to carry out the requirements of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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